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Bell Estate Stormwater Management Pond Sediment Removal and Maintenance

Start Date: June 2025
Expected end date: August 2025
**Timeline is subject to change.*

The Bell Estate Stormwater Management Pond (SWMP) is a facility located in Oates Park, east of Warden Avenue and north of Danforth Avenue that collects stormwater runoff to reduce localized flooding. It also allows sediment runoff to settle at the bottom of the pond, which enhances ecological conditions and improves water quality prior to entering the local watercourse.

To help ensure the pond is working as originally designed, the City of Toronto will be working with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to remove sediment and conduct maintenance on the pond.

WORK DETAILS





The clean out and maintenance of the pond will involve:

- Pruning and removing some vegetation around the pond to create a temporary access point.
- Staff will create a platform made of gravel that will extend into the pond, as well as an area to stockpile and dry the sediment when it is removed from the pond.
- Dredging the sediment and loading it into dump trucks for reuse or disposal.
- Inspecting and making repairs to the pond, as needed.
- Restoring vegetation around the pond.

Increased trucking activity is expected on Bell Estate Road throughout the project duration. For safety purposes, a portion of the pedestrian walkway through Oates Park will be closed throughout the project duration.

A map of the work area can be found on the back page.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

	Work Hours: Work will be completed in accordance with the City's Noise By-law between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, with occasional work after hours and on weekends if required.
	Pedestrian and Road Access: To complete the work safely, the pedestrian walkway through the park will be closed for the duration of the project. Temporary fencing and signs will be set up in and around the construction site. There will be increased truck traffic on Bell Estate Road and in the park when sediment is being trucked away for disposal.
	Tree Removal and Restoration: The TRCA will need to prune and remove some existing vegetation around the SWMP to access the work site. Once the clean out and maintenance is complete, staff will work with the City's Environment, Climate and Forestry division to restore vegetation with site-appropriate landscaping.
	Wildlife: Water in the pond will be lowered gradually to allow wildlife to relocate on their own. Any wildlife that does remain will be carefully collected and relocated by Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff who are licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the work, please contact us.

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MAP OF WORK AREA

